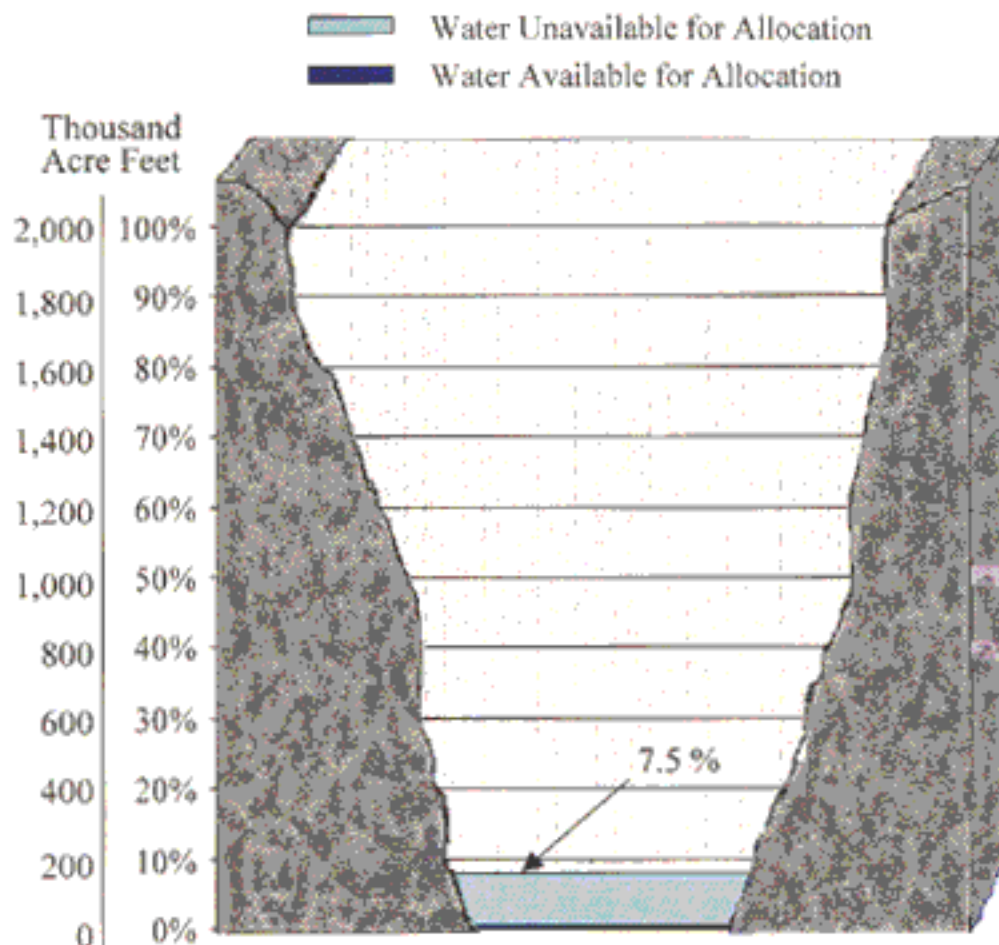


# Drought Watch on the Rio Grande

## Surface Water Supply Available October 20, 2003

### Combined Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoir Storage



### Water Supply Situation

- **Surface water supply** (runoff) to Elephant Butte Reservoir for the water year was only **11%** of the 30-year average. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest inflow on record.
- **Water in storage** is only **7.5%** of combined storage capacity. Because of Compact obligations, only ten percent of the stored water is available for area users. Reservoir gates were closed September 19, 2003. Releases from storage will resume next spring.
- **The 2003 allocation** for the year is **34.1%** or about one-third of a full supply.

### 2003 Water allocation to agricultural and urban users as a percent of full supply

